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STRENGTH OF NAVY

Statement Sent to the Senate
By Secretary Metcalf.

NUMBER AFLOAT AND ASHORE

Refutes the Charge That Nearly Half
the Officers Have Been Enmeshed
by a "Social Pull" and Are Enjoy-
ing Soft Berths.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 11.—Re-
sponding to a request by the Presi-
dent, Secretary Metcalf yesterday
sent to the Senate a statement show-
ing the names of the officers of the
navy ashore and afloat. The purpose
of the statement is to refute the
charge that has been made to the
Senate committee on naval affairs
that nearly one-half of the officers
have been enmeshed by "social pull"
and are enjoying "soft berths" in
Washington and at the various navy
yards. Figures are given for July 1,
1905, and January 1, 1908. In 1905,
the line officers of the navy numbered
1109 and staff officers 543, or a total
of 1652.

Of this number there were 749 line
drilled troops at all frontier points.
The government proposes again to
send Prince Su to Mongolia for the
purpose of developing plans looking
to organization of defenses for fron-
tier districts. A modern drilled skele-
ton brigade is now on its way to
Tibet for the purpose of organizing a
Tibetan division.

The fact that the Indo-Tibet trade
convention has not been concluded
prevents for the present the evacua-
tion of the Chumbi valley by the British
troops. This delay tends to bring
Great Britain into conflict with the
Anglo-Russian convention, which
regulates the respective interests of
these two powers in Tibet, Afghanis-
tan and Persia, and which China is
using for the purpose of reducing
Great Britain's right in dealing direct
with the Tibetans to the minimum.
China has admitted the Tibetan text
of the convention on written assur-
ances and 282 staff officers afloat, or
a total of 1011. In 1908 the line offi-
cers number 1279 and the staff officers
638, a total of 1917. Of this number
914 line officers and 234 staff officers,
or a total of 1148 officers, are afloat.
The percentage of the line afloat in
1905 was 68.9 and in 1908, 73.4; of the
staff 49.1 in 1905, and 36.6 in 1908.

There are now on duty in Wash-
ington 82 line officers on the active
list and 14 on the retired list, 75 staff
officers of the active list and three on
the retired list. There is a less per-
centage ashore than there has been
for 10 years.

NEW THEATRE.

Conreid Says it Must be an Artistic,
if Not Financial Success.

NEW YORK, Feb. 11.—Further
plans for the new theatre were dis-
cussed at a meeting of the executive
board of the institution yesterday in
Heinrich Conreid's office at the Metro-
politan opera house. Mr. Conreid's
future connection with the theatre
was also under consideration by the
other members of the committee
present including W. K. Vanderbilt,
Otto H. Kahn, Edmund L. Bayliss,
Henry Rogers Winthrop and Eliot
Gregory. Mr. Conreid stated his be-
lief in the educational value of the
new institution, especially if con-
ducted on the plans of the Burge theatre
in Berlin, emphasizing the necessity
in his opinion of making the house a
school of diction and of manners and
of maintaining its performances as
models of artistic excellence. He ex-
pressed the belief that the institution
might eventually prove financially

successful but that first of all it will
have to be an artistic success.

Mr. Conreid it is said, told the di-
rectors, that he expected shortly to
be free to devote himself entirely to
the management of the new theatre if
its officials desired him for that post.
Action on this and other pending
matters was laid over to a future
meeting.

UNDYING LOVE.

Russian Patriot Makes Love by Let-
ter and Lands in Jail.

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 11.—R.
Livingston, who claims to be a Rus-
sian patriot and a close personal
friend of Count Leo Tolstoi, was on
trial before Judge Ellsworth in Oak-
land yesterday on a charge of in-
sanity preferred by Miss Elizabeth
Mary Wolfe, a member of the
sophomore class of the University of
California. Miss Wolfe caused the
Russian's arrest after he had written
her five letters in which he professed
undying love and affection for her.
She had not been introduced to the
man, did not know him and does not
care to know him, she said.

In court Livingston confessed he
had made a mistake, declaring he had
written the letters to the wrong girl.
He admitted he had addressed the
letters to Elizabeth Mary Wolfe.
"But it was not this Miss Wolfe,"
said the Russian. "It was some other
person. I have made a mistake. I
know it now but I did not know it
before."

The still case is still pending.

SALARY \$17.50 A WEEK.

Manages to Purchase a Fine Ranch
and Automobile—Lands in Jail.

LOS ANGELES, Feb. 11.—W. B.
Harvey, a clerk in the Central De-
partment Store, who managed to pur-
chase a fine ranch near Sacramento
and an automobile, although receiving
only \$17.50 a week as salary, was ar-
rested today on a charge of forging
the name of Manager Eugene Gan-
ster. The manager says that Harvey,
by forging his name, made from \$25
to \$35 a day.

Harvey when arraigned in the po-
lice court, would make no statement.
The department store has a system
whereby goods are sent out to resi-
dences with the provision that if the
goods do not suit they may be taken
back and they are then turned back
into the stock. It is alleged Harvey
would sell goods, put the money in
his pocket and turn in a balance sheet
in which the goods were reported as
having been returned to stock. It
was Harvey's extravagance that led
his employers to suspect him.

AFRICA FOR AFRICANS.

Daniel Maceo Fitting Out an Expedi-
tion to Drive Out Foreigners.

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 11.—
Daniel Maceo, youngest son of Gen-
eral Antonio Maceo, commander-in-
chief of the Cuban revolutionary army
is in Oakland and says he is prepar-
ing to fit out an expedition to drive
out the French and other foreigners
who are bent on conquest from Tan-
gier and Africa.

"Africa for Africans," is the slogan
of Maceo, who declares that he hopes
to attain his purpose without recourse
to arms. He states that he intends
to leave Oakland on July 25 accom-
panied by 15 supporters and go east
by railroad embarking from some
point near New York for Tangier.
"Contributions are being made," he
says, "to our cause by the govern-
ments of Cuba, Mexico and Guate-
mala while Great Britain has assured
us of her moral support."

HER NOTE WAS FINAL.

The proprietor of a large drug store
recently received this curt and haugh-
ty note written in an angular feminine
hand: "I do not want vasoline but
glycerine. Is that plain enough? I
persoon you can spell."

EAST COAST LINE

Has Been Extended far out into
the Gulf.

KNIGHT'S KEY THE TERMINUS

Cuba in Reality is More of a Neigh-
bor to the United States Than Ever
and Havana is Within Reaching
Distance.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 11.—War
Department officials were advised
this week that the first train had been
run across the Florida keys and that
Cuba in reality is more of a neighbor
to the United States than ever.
Troops and supplies now can be
rushed far out into the water of the
Gulf, should occasion demand such a
movement, and Havana is within
reaching distance. The immense mil-
itary importance of this extension of
the Florida East Coast line is appar-
ent. The benefits accruing from the
great engineering feat pushed through
by Henry M. Flagler will be en-
hanced once the road is completed to Key
West. That island is being trans-
formed into a garrison of as much
strategic usefulness to the United
States as Malta is to England.

According to advices, the inaugura-
tion of the steamship service to Cuba
was undertaken simultaneously with
the arrival of the first train at Knight's
Key, the present southern terminus of
the road. The steamer Halifax made
the first voyage, carrying a large
list of passengers. The line will
boast a number of commodious
steamers and will connect closely
with the trains.

Aside from the interest taken by
the War Department authorities in
this railway extension across the
waters of the Gulf of Mexico is the
excitement aroused in scientific circles
by the discovery of some ancient
ruins on Knight's Key. The Smith-
sonian Institution has been advised of
these discoveries, and a party of gov-
ernment experts may be detailed to
make further explorations.

The history of Knight's Key is one
of mystery and romance. The little
island takes its name from the fact
that early in the eighteenth century
a man of proud bearing took up his
residence there, transforming the reef
into an almost impregnable strong-
hold. He surrounded himself with
adventurers and engaged in the haz-
ardous business of piracy. The busi-
ness in those days was profitable,
for the rich galleons of Spain were
prizes worth the daring.

No one appeared to know the na-
tionality of this man, although his
ships were the terrors of merchant-
men of all flags. He dominated the
restless spirits by sheer personality,
and report has it that he was a re-
egade noble. When he had leaved on
the sea traffic of the day sufficient
bloody toll to satisfy his greed he
disappeared as mysteriously and as
quietly as he came. The band fell to
pieces, many of its members deserting
to other leaders. Their chief in all
likelihood returned to the court from
whence he came, there to live royally
on his ill-gotten gains.

Without a name during its owner's
occupancy, the island was christened
by the few adventurers left. Know-
ing nothing of the name or nationality
of their leader, they yet acknowl-
edged his superiority and were con-
vinced he was of noble birth. Thence
sprang the name, which has lasted to
the present day. Ruins of the citadel
have been found in the jungle on the
island, and it is believed these
ruins will yield up much of historical
value.

Governor Magoon, who is in Wash-
ington to report to the President on
the Cuban situation, is reported as
being highly pleased over the exten-
sion of the East Coast Line. The
big statesman is holding down a job
where prompt action may be neces-
sary at any moment, for revolutions
grow in the West Indies over night.
It is comforting to know that only a
few hours now separate the Cuban
capital from the camps and depots
of Uncle Sam.

To Cuba the extension means
much. It will stimulate travel to it
and to the other islands of the West
Indies, for the terrors of seasickness
practically are abolished. Americans
yet may become as familiar with the
streets of Havana as they are now
with the boulevards of Washington
or the avenues of New York and Chi-
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week's use shows good results in
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chronic rheumatism are generally re-
lieved within a few days, the pain and
swelling diminishing with each dose.

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the rapidly increasing use of per-
fected fireproof system of construc-
tion should have much to do in hold-
ing down the amount which the fore-
ests are called upon to yield each
year, but so far these more substan-
tial materials have not decreased the
lumber cut of the nation.

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MAKES MONEY.

House of Correction Clears \$35,000
a Year.

DETROIT, Mich., Feb. 11.—The
Detroit House of Correction, which
for years has been a profitable
municipal institution, cleared last
year \$35,000 which will be turned over
into the treasury of the city. The
prison had about 450 prisoners all
through the year, the men being em-
ployed principally in the making of
chairs and the women in making and
carding buttons.
Superintendent McDowell, in mak-
ing his annual report yesterday, at-
tributed a reduction of about 50 in
the average number of prisoners
through the year to the fact that dur-
ing the most of 1907 there was a very
heavy demand for labor, steady work
keeping many men out of the depend-
ent and disorderly class.

TRIUMPHANT WOOING

Manager—For heaven's sake, Frau-
lein, what have you done? You've
gone and accepted the hero's proposal
in the first act instead of the fifth!
The Star—But he begged so nicely!
And—why can't I just refuse him in
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